

Potomac Heritage

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Connecting People and Places in the State of Maryland



The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, one of twenty-six national historic and scenic trails in the National Trails System, is a partnership to develop and maintain a network of locally-managed trails for recreation, transportation, education and health between the Chesapeake Bay and the Allegheny Highlands.

Combining Outdoor Recreation, Conservation and Heritage Tourism

The following are recognized as segments of the Trail in the State of Maryland (south to north):

- Potomac Heritage Trail on-road bicycling routes in St. Mary's, Charles and southern Prince George's counties, between Point Lookout State Park and Oxon Cove Park;
- a hiking route in Nanjemoy Natural Resources Management Area, Bureau of Land Management;
- the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Towpath within the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, National Park Service (NPS); and
- a section of the Great Allegheny Passage, between Cumberland, Md., and the Mason-Dixon Line.

Potential trails include a network of routes in Garrett County, Md., currently being evaluated by Garrett Trails, Inc.

In December 2009 staff of Md. Dept. of Natural Resources; Md. Office of Tourism Development; Md. State Highway Administration; Md. Office of Planning; and the National Capital Region, NPS, began developing a cooperative agreement to coordinate development, management and promotion of the Trail network in the State. MDNR and the Trail Office have also applied for \$27,500 in NPS Challenge Cost-Share Program funds to support a "trails summit" and recognition of Trail segments in the next edition of *Maryland Land Preservation, Parks & Preservation Plan*.



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